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**Ian S. Parkinson**  
Sheriff - Coroner

June 5, 2015

The Honorable Dodie Harman  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California  
1050 Monterey Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408

**RE: Grand Jury 2015 Report- County Jail, Crime Lab and Coroner's Office**

Dear Judge Harman:

I have reviewed the 2015 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury Report regarding their inspection of the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office Jail, Crime Lab and Coroner's Office. My response to their findings and recommendations are as follows:

## **Crime Lab:**

### Findings

1. ***"Current staffing of forensic specialists in the Crime Lab is limited to two well trained and professionals."***

The respondent agrees with this finding.

2. ***"Forensic specialists are required to have extensive hands-on training which could take up to five years."***

The respondent agrees with this finding.

3. ***"There is currently no plan to obtain an additional specialist or provide back-up."***

The respondent partially disagrees with this finding. In regards to the additional specialist; The Sheriff's Office had twenty-five positions cut during the recent recession. The Sheriff's Office is currently working on a staffing plan for the entire department. This position will be looked at as part of the plan; however the Sheriff's Office most pressing need is in the area of patrol. The Sheriff's Office has in the past and will in the future rely on our allied Police Departments to provide assistance from their crime scene units as back-up.

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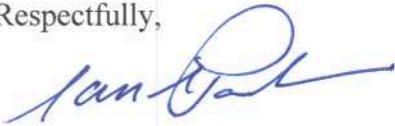
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## Recommendations

1. ***“The Sheriff’s Department should hire a third full-time forensic specialist in the Crime Lab to provide additional support and long-term capability for personnel replacement.”***

The responded agrees that it would be beneficial for the Sheriff’s Office to add another forensic specialist, however first we must complete our staffing and analysis plan. This plan will prioritize the staffing needs of the Sheriff’s Office as a whole.

Respectfully,



Ian S. Parkinson  
Sheriff-Coroner

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies  
Inspection Report

Report Date: June 9, 2015

Response by: IAN S. PARKINSON Title: SHERIFF-CORONER

### FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1, 2
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 3  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
3. Recommendations numbered 1 require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6-9-15

Signed: Ian Parkinson

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